

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : EXCITATION VECTOR GENERATOR, SPEECH CODER AND  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the mailing of an Office Action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 8, 2006, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto is extended from November 8, 2006 to December 8, 2006 by a request for a one month extension of time and the payment of the appropriate extension of time fee, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this Response.

An **Appendix**, containing Figs. (A), (B), and (C), that are submitted for purposes of explanation, follows page 9 of this paper.

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